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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Title

Method and Apparatus for  
Removing Fluids from Drill Cuttings

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2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3.  Specification [Total Pages 31]  
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 - Descriptive title of the invention  
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications  
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix  
 - Background of the Invention  
 - Brief Summary of the Invention  
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
 - Detailed Description  
 - Claim(s)  
 - Abstract of the Disclosure

4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 9]

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6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
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 ii.  Paper

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## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))  
37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of  
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11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)  
12.  Information Disclosure  Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations

13.  Preliminary Amendment

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Prior application information:

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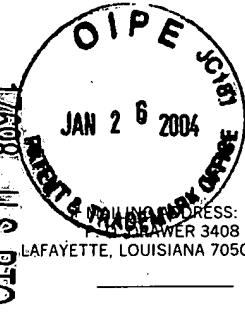
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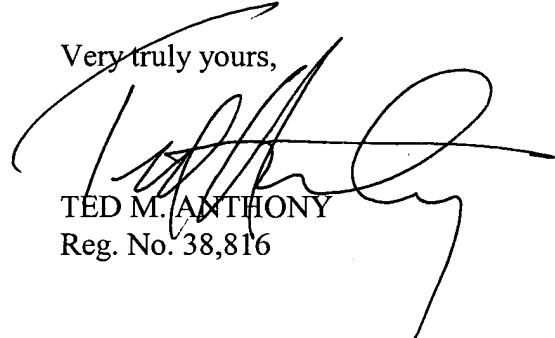
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